

## **State Board Retreat/Work Session – May 5, 2014**

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a retreat work session on Monday, May 5, 2014 in the Third Floor Conference Room of Eden Hill Medical Center, Dover, Delaware. The work session began at 9:00 a.m. with the following Board members present: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr., G. Patrick Heffernan, Randall L. Hughes, II, Barbara B. Rutt; and Dr. Terry M. Whittaker. Donna R. Johnson, State Board Executive Director, was also present.

Also joining the State Board was Ilona Kirshon, Deputy Attorney General and legal counsel for the State Board of Education.

Dr. Gray introduced Kris Amundson, Executive Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education, who was joining the Board for the day's session.

Ms. Johnson highlighted the goals of the retreat and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

### Educator Training and Principal Preparation for Educator Evaluation

Dr. Steven Godowsky and Dr. Sharon Brittingham from the Delaware Academy for School Leadership (DASL) and co-directors of the Development Coach Project provided an overview of the project including materials that are currently being used with Delaware school leaders, school leaders in training. There was also discussion on the upcoming professional learning planned for Delaware's school leaders with regards to implementation of the educator evaluation system. Assisting in the presentation were current Development Coaches John Kreitzer and Jim Hudson. Included in the discussion was Eric Niebrzydowski from the Department of Education's TLEU division and Cora Scott from the Brandywine School District.

### DPAS II Regulations and Educator Effectiveness

Christopher Ruszkowski and Shana Young from the Teacher Leader Effectiveness Unit of the Department of Education presented the proposed changes to the DPAS II regulations which will be a discussion item before the State Board at the May meeting. They are currently published for public comment in the Registrar of Regulations May publication.

### Finance 101

Deputy Controller General Michael Jackson presented to the State Board the many aspects of school financing, from the both a district/charter school perspective and from the State perspective.

The retreat adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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Dr. Gray provided a recap of the first day of the retreat and there was additional discussion on some of the items addressed.

#### Technology Training and Updates

Donna Johnson, State Board Executive Director, provided technology training and updates as well as useful tools for State Board members to use in board meeting management.

#### Legislative Update

Ms. Johnson highlighted current educational legislation as well as proposed legislation.

#### Literacy Campaign/NASBE Grant Communications Plan

The Board had a brief discussion on its Literacy Campaign as well as funding received from the NASBE grant. Staff from the National Governors' Association will be coming to Delaware to assist in a literacy presentation before the Kids Caucus later in the week.

#### Strategic Plan

The Board discussed its strategic plan and accomplishments since the last retreat.

The retreat adjourned at 4:54 p.m.